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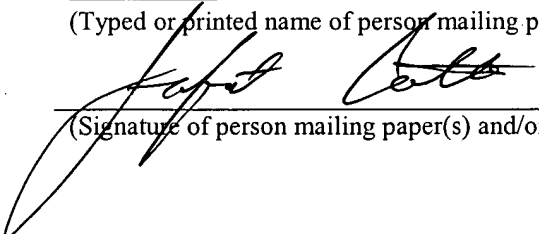
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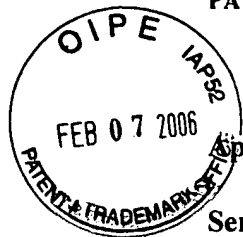
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This document is accompanied by a Form PTO-1449 citing U.S. Patent No. 5,250,957 and German Patent No. GM 80 23 471. These items were cited in an Office Action issued by the Chinese Patent Office on November 22, 2005 in corresponding Chinese Patent Application No. 2003101202159. The Chinese Office Action dated November 22, 2005 is enclosed and is also cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

A Notice of Allowance was issued in this case on October 14, 2005. The issue fee was paid on January 3, 2005. As of the filing of this paper, the patent has not been issued. As such, this document is being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(i). Applicants respectfully request its being placed in the file record.

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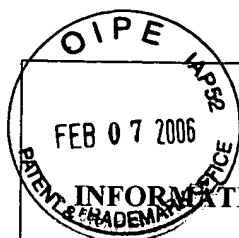
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